

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Original) An optical data recording medium comprising a transparent substrate, a thin film layer formed on the transparent substrate and a protective film which is mainly comprised of a resin and formed on the thin film layer for protecting the thin film layer, wherein the thin film layer is a single layered or multilayered film including at least any one of a dielectric film, a recording film and a reflective film, and an expansion coefficient under humidity [ratio of expansion (1/%) where a difference of relative humidity (vapor content/saturated vapor amount at 25°C) is increased by 1%] of the protective film is greater than that of the transparent substrate and smaller than 1.7×10^{-4} (1%).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Presently Amended) An optical data recording medium according to ~~any one of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, wherein a thickness of the protective film is 5 μm or more to 20 μm or less.
4. (Original) An optical data recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the expansion coefficient under humidity of the protective film is 7 or less times as great as that of the transparent substrate, the expansion coefficient under humidity being greater than 7×10^{-6} (1/%) and smaller than 5×10^{-5} (1%).
5. (Presently Amended) An optical data recording medium according to ~~any one of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, wherein the transparent substrate is made of a polycarbonate or a polyolefin and a thickness thereof is about 0.5 mm.

6. (Presently Amended) An optical data recording medium according to ~~any one of claims 1 and 2~~claim 1, wherein the protective film is made of an ultraviolet light curing resin.

7. (Original) A method of selecting a protective film in an optical data recording medium, the optical data recording medium comprising a transparent substrate, a thin film layer formed on the transparent substrate and the protective film which is mainly comprised of a resin and formed on the thin film layer for protecting the thin film layer, wherein, on condition that the thin film layer is a single layered or multilayered film including at least any one of a dielectric film, a recording film and a reflective film and the transparent substrate is made of a polycarbonate or a polyolefin with a thickness of 0.5 mm, the protective film is selected such that an expansion coefficient under humidity thereof (ratio of expansion (1/%) where a difference of relative humidity (vapor content/saturated vapor amount at 25°C is increased by 1%) is greater than that of the transparent substrate and smaller than 1.7×10^{-4} (1/%)

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Presently Amended) An optical data recording medium provided with a protective film for protecting a thin film layer selected by the method of claim 7 ~~or 8~~.